

## Amendments to the Claims

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1. (currently amended) A method for controlling scanning devices using control sheets, comprising the method comprising:
- starting an imaging job having multiple sheets, wherein at least one sheet is a control sheet containing only a control image;
- locating a the control image on the control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located ~~anywhere within the imaging job~~ in a position other than that of a cover sheet;
- processing control instructions from said control image; and
- creating output in accordance with said control instructions.
2. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.
3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image production task.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is text.
6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is numbers.
7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said method includes locating a second control image on a second control sheet containing only the control image for the imaging job and processing the second control image.
8. (currently amended) A method for controlling imaging devices using control sheets, the method comprising:
- starting an imaging job having multiple sheets, wherein at least one sheet is a control sheet containing only control information;
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locating a control image on the control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located ~~anywhere within the imaging job~~ in a position other than that of a cover sheet;

creating output for said imaging job; and

processing control instructions from said control image and using said control instructions for managing said output.

9. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.

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10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said imaging job is an image production task.

12. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.

13. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is text.

14. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is numbers.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said method includes locating a second control image on a second control sheet for the imaging job and processing said second control image.